

**Interior's Office of Policy Analysis Seminar  
Climate Adaptation: American Indians and Alaska Natives**

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**Topic:** Climate Adaptation: American Indians and Alaska Natives

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**Time:** 12:15-1:45 PM (Eastern)

**Place:** South Interior Building Auditorium, 1951 Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20245

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The effects of climate change are already impacting communities across the U.S. and are projected to create increasing challenges. Preparing for climate resilience in Native American communities is particularly critical, as climate change impacts threaten the health and safety of tribal communities, subsistence practices, and land, water, and other natural resources communities depend on. Impacts communities are already facing include reduced water quality and quantity in the West, declining sea ice in Alaska, health hazards from increasing temperatures and thawing permafrost, and severe erosion and sea level change in coastal locations. Tribes and the federal government are working together to plan for and address these challenges. Please join the Office of Policy Analysis on September 14 for a panel discussion on current efforts and partnerships between tribes and the federal government to plan and prepare for and enable climate preparedness and resilience.

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